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SUBJECT: FRENCH-ALGERIAN RELATIONS: ALGERIAN WORKERS EXPELLED  
FROM FRANCE

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1. ALGERIAN MEDIA APRIL 19-20 GAVE MAJOR COVERAGE TO RECENT  
EXPULSION FROM FRANCE OF EIGHT ALGERIAN WORKERS (ONLY SEVEN  
ACTUALLY NAMED) APPARENTLY INVOLVED IN PARIS RENT STRIKE;  
ALSO EXPELLED WERE FOUR MOROCCANS, TWO TUNISIANS, ONE MALIAN,  
AND ONE BENINIAN. EIGHT ALGERIANS WERE GIVEN HERO'S WELCOME  
BY FLN'S DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION, AND SEVERAL TOLD THEIR  
STORIES ON TV APRIL 19. ALGERIAN OFFICIALS PROMISED WORKERS  
ASSISTANCE IN RELOCATING HERE AND IN REPATRIATING THEIR  
EFFECTS FROM FRANCE.

2. FROM ALGERIAN PRESS ACCOUNT, APPEARS THAT EIGHT HAD BEEN  
CHOSEN AS REPRESENTATIVES OF RESIDENTS OF WORKERS HOUSING  
UNITS MANAGED BY FRENCH SOCIETE NATIONALE DE CONSTRUCTION  
DE LOGEMENT POUR LES TRAVAILLEURS (SONACOTRA). IN  
SEPTEMBER 1975, FOLLOWING DECISION BY SONACOTRA TO RAISE  
RENTS, RENT STRIKE BEGAN IN TWO SONACOTRA BUILDINGS IN  
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BUILDINGS MANAGED BY SONACOTRA AND NOW INVOLVES 25,000 RESIDENTS. ALTHOUGH ARTICLE DOES NOT SAY SO SPECIFICALLY, IT APPEARS RENT STRIKE CONTINUING.

3. WORKERS CHARGED THEY HAD BEEN INHUMANELY TREATED. MOST SAID THEY HAD BEEN GIVEN ALMOST NO NOTICE OF EXPULSION, AND ONE CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN TAKEN DIRECTLY FROM HIS APARTMENT TO AIRPORT. SOME SONACOTRA EMPLOYEES WITH WHOM WORKERS DEALT SAID TO BE EX-LEGIONAIRES AND PARACHUTISTS, AND, EGGED ON BY TV INTERVIEWER, WORKERS CHARGED SONACOTRA AND FRENCH GENERALLY WITH RACISM. PRESS ACCOUNT OF INCIDENT CLAIMS THAT IT HAS CAUSED PROFOUND INDIGNATION IN FRANCE, REPRESENTS ABUSE OF POWER, AND PERHAPS REFLECTS INTERNAL FRENCH SITUATION REMINISCENT OF MAY 1968.

4. COMMENT: THIS INCIDENT, AND CRITICISM OF FRENCH FOR REFUSAL TO RENEGOTIATE GAS PRICES (REFTEL), SUGGESTS THAT RELATIVE LULL IN ALGERIAN CRITICISM OF FRANCE IS OVER. WE WILL FOLLOW UP WITH FRENCH HERE TO GET THEIR SIDE OF EXPULSION STORY AND WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY PARIS MAY DEVELOP ON SUBJECT.PARKER

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